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He who helps keep girls clean is doing a commendable work. Peet Brothers have given \$300 cash for the Kansas City Girls' hotel fund, and contracted to furnish the hotel soap free so long as it is run as stipulated.

An Iowa farmer is having a woman from Oklahoma prosecuted. He gave her \$4200 to sleep on, in exchange for which she was to supply him with health and wealth. He ought to be prosecuted for being a simpleton while the woman should be entitled to a chrono as a sucker catcher.

The federal 16-hour law provides that train men shall not be kept on duty more than 16 hours consecutively. The Wabash is charged with its violation in 35 instances in an action begun at Kansas City. For each violation the penalty is \$500 fine. The law is a good one, for many wrecks in the past have been caused by train men being on duty too many hours.

MANIA for money has ruined many a man; but there is no more striking instance of it than the case of the Wichita millionaire banker, L. S. Naftager, who helped thieves dispose of stolen postage stamps, thereby becoming as much a criminal as they who robbed the post offices. Saturday's dailies, and later ones, tell the story of the trial.

A foundation of concrete is being put in for a sky-scraper at Eleventh and Main, Kansas City, on which the work goes on 24 hours a day and seven days a week—the reason being that it is desired to keep the pouring of concrete going on from beginning until completion of the foundation so that each column thereof will be a solid body of concrete instead of becoming rigid in sections. Such a foundation should last for practically all time.

THERE are times when comparisons are beneficial, although they have often been called "odious." J. D. Robinson of Bean Lake, in Platte county, tells a Kansas City paper that he has 70 acres in peach trees, and he anticipates excellent returns. Has any one in Chariton so large a patch of peaches, and if so what have they done, or what is expected from them. Let us compare with the county on Missouri's western border, even if we can not excel her.

THE wedding of Miss Ruth Bryan and Artist Leavitt was opposed by her parents and subsequent divorce granted her proved the wisdom of the opposition. Now Miss Grace Bryan is to be married, the parents announce, to Richard L. Hargreaves, a young Lincoln business man. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan heartily approve; and every good democrat will hope that all will go well with the Hargreaves. He is 22 and she 20 years old. The wedding date is early in June.

"MAINE WENT"—most of us democrats know how she went—and she is still "bent," to some extent, for in recent mayoralty elections four out of five cities went democratic. If our party does not fall into the hands of the interests called "big business" this whole country should be swept by the democrats in 1912. The Alton B. Baker campaign was controlled by the interests, and we lost with a whirl. Judge Parker himself, we believe, is a just and able man, but he had the same backing that now desires to secure control. Its success can only mean our party's failure.

A Keytesville man says he regards Chariton county the equal of any in the northern section of the state for fruit. Peaches and apples do especially well, he said, and he thinks a twenty acre apple orchard some years would

bring \$200 an acre on the trees. At J. D. Cunningham's home on the south side of town is a large number of cherry trees which we examined Saturday that indicate that they will bear largely this year; so it is perhaps true that Chariton is as good for cherries as for peaches and apples. The Courier would like some horticulturist to write for publication an article on What Fruit Should Do for Chariton, or some kindred title. If \$200 an acre can be realized from any kind of fruit on our soil some competent men ought to be realizing it shortly.

#### A Ruined Life.

A lady from the East was traveling in the West last week. She went to Lansing, Kas., and visited the penitentiary, after much coaxing by friends who were with her.

Up to fourteen years ago she had a brother who was long a gambler. Being wealthy, his family furnished him money. He reformed and attended college, taking an engineering course. He drifted westward, became dissolute, and, through association with criminals, though probably guiltless of crime himself, was sentenced to the penitentiary for a year. Being accustomed to luxury when young he refused to work, and was put into a dungeon. Probably already a nervous wreck, he became insane. And for years since his sentence expired he has been held as one criminally insane.

While going through the insane ward the sister was amazed to recognize her long lost brother. At first she wanted to take him home but he did not wish to go. Finally she decided that it would be best to leave him where he is.

This is a sad instance of a wrecked young life, partly attributable to relatives who indulged him in early gambling and furnished him money to feed this ever growing passion. The sermon in Keytesville Sunday night, alluded to in an item elsewhere, was a warning to young people to avoid just such living.

#### From a Teacher of Filipinos.

A letter was mailed to Mrs. W. H. Burns at Sibalom, Antique, P. I., February 6, by Mrs. Frank Bell, a cousin of Mr. Burns. She was a native of Brunswick. She and Mr. Bell are both teaching for the government. The letter reached Keytesville St. Patrick's day. It contained two pieces of Filipino money; one of silver, near the size of a quarter, of the value of 10 cents, reading on one side: "United States of America, 1904," and on the other side: "Twenty Centavos, Filipinos." It is called a "peseta." The other piece is of the value of half a cent, and reads "United States of America, 1910" on one side, and "One Centavo, Filipinos" on the other. She also inclosed a piece of ornamental needle work done by a little native girl, the cloth being made of pine apple leaves, and apparently a very fine texture. Every Filipino girl from 6 years to graduation, must complete some sewing each year, and each boy must make baskets, picture frames, etc., in the lower grades, and high-class furniture, vehicles, buildings, etc., when in the higher grades.

Every school has a vegetable garden. There is perpetual summer, ladies wearing white clothing. There is seldom a colored article of clothing in the wardrobe of an American woman there. Men also wear white, except that they use khaki for riding.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell have two boys, one but two weeks old when the letter was written.

Dr. C. J. Smith, optician, Keytesville, Mo., can be found at Coleman's hotel. Lenses fitted and errors of refraction corrected at reasonable prices. 71

John L. Minor's friends will be glad to learn of his prosperity at Halstead, Kan. He has renewed for the Courier until February, 1912.

#### SANE EVERY DAY.

A big New York fire-works firm just gone into the hands of a receiver, attributes its financial embarrassment to the popular agitation for a sane Fourth of July. The firm could hardly fail in the interests of a better cause. Now we would like to see all the brewers and distillers fail because the people had all become temperate to the point of total abstinence from the use of beer and whisky. Neither beer nor whisky is fit to put into the human stomach as a beverage.

One might well endure the boisterous noise of our boys on one day in the year in celebration of the glorious Fourth; but to endure the boisterous behavior of men 365 days a year who, are soaked with liquor is far more trying. But improvement is anticipated in the matter of celebrating our nation's great day as well as in gradual lessening of intemperance—sanity every day.

Prohibition by local option in Chariton county has been a success, and we believe is destined to be more so as years roll by. It has not stopped drinking, and no reasonable man supposed it would, but it has lessened it; has driven it to dark corners; has caused illegal sellers to be indicted, and our prosecuting attorney is determined to punish illegal sales. For this he deserves praise, just as he would deserve censure for failure or neglect to punish the violators of the law, whether law against murder or that against liquor sales. Presumably the liquor power will try to annul our local option law, but we believe that only base corruption and fraud can carry Chariton county in the future against continuance of local option. When the question shall be resubmitted the Courier hopes the majority for local option will be much larger than it was when first adopted.

Local option is a moral step forward; and we mistake the people if they shall vote to take a backward step when they have the next opportunity.

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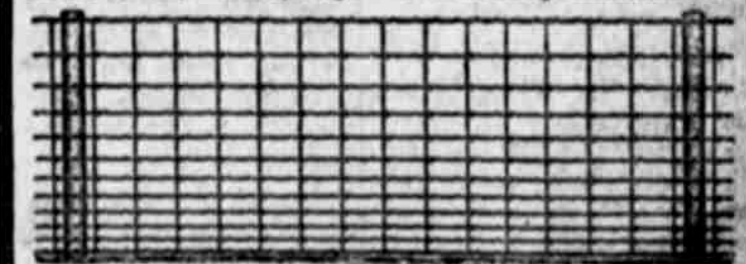
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